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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Box RCE Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, said period of response being extended from November 27, 2002 to December 27, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Date: 1/100mber 27,2002

Respectfully submitted,

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